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BAR HILL NEWSLETTER

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The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Collins, 28 Otter Close (moving to 23 Oatlands Avenue shortly)
Mr. and Mrs. Groves, 28 Oatlands Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. Hill, 8 Otter Gardens
Mr. and Mrs. Scott, 44 Partridge Drive.

Thanks

The editor would like to thank several lady residents, who kindly offered to type this month's Newsletter if the need arose.

Women's Institute

On Thursday May 6th at 7.45 p.m. in the School there will be a talk and demonstration entitled 'Cooking for a busy day', given by a speaker from the County Centre.

Bar Hill Pre-school Playgroup

The Playgroup committee would like to thank most sincerely everyone who in some way contributed towards the success of our Easter Fair.

A special mention must go to Mrs. Harbottle and her Brownies and to Ron Meadows and his Youth Group who did such a fine job and helped to make it an enjoyable afternoon.

About £90.00 was taken and after expenses had been deducted a profit of £65.00 was made.

Bar Hill County Primary School, May Day, 22nd May 1971

The children, staff and Parent-Teacher Association invite all friends and relations to our annual May Festivities. This is the one occasion during the year when the school attempts to raise money in order to provide extra equipment and materials for your children. We do hope you will support us and make this a memorable day.

The children are planning some entertainment, the May Queen is to be crowned at 3 p.m. and there are a large number of stalls designed to interest your fancy. We look forward to meeting you on Saturday, 22nd May at 3 o'clock.

Any contributions towards the following stalls would be gratefully received at school: Books, Cakes, Red, Fancy Goods, Plants, Bottle.

W.H.S.N.

Bar Hill Library

As many members will already know, the Library no longer opens on Friday afternoons, but will continue to open on Monday evenings, from 6.30 to 7.30.

Summer reminders

For everyone's benefit -

When the weather is warm enough for windows and doors to be left open, will residents please remember to turn down radios, televisions, amplifiers, etc. (n.b. bass notes travel furthest!).

Could ball-games please be kept away from the young trees and grass of the amenity areas, and confined to the rough pitch provided.

Thank you

Annual Parish Meeting, 28th April 1971

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Leakey, our County Councillor, Mr. Flint and Mr. Pugh of Chesterton R.D.C., and 39 residents of Bar Hill.

Mr. Norton, the Chairman, announced that this was the last Parish Meeting he would chair, before continuing with a brief resume of the matters covered in the monthly meetings: drainage, footpaths, lighting, etc. The bulk of the report concerned the state of progress of the Village Green; here Mr. Flint suggested that a meeting of the R.D.C., County Planners, Developer and Parish Council would be the most fruitful line of progress.

The Treasurer's report showed few expenses and a balance of £21. Mr. Flint explained that the unspent balance of the half-penny rate levied on Bar Hill is held against future spending.

Mrs. Leakey reported for the School Managers that there were 146 children at school, that there would be 6 full-time staff in September, and that temporary classrooms would be provided as needed.

Mr. Lakin, as a Governor of Swavesey Village College, reported on the improvement of the Careers Advice service there, of the new Art building to be completed in 1972, that the Village College would become an 11-16 Comprehensive under the education reorganisation plan, and that subjects have been re-grouped into 6 areas of study giving greater inter-subject collaboration.

Mrs. Leakey, as County Councillor, reported on the changing pattern of education in the County and the reorganisation of the Social Services.

The report from the Residents Association, read by Mr. Norton, reviewed their social and official activities, the aid given to Village organisations, and their negotiations with the Developers over a children's playground and a better TV aerial.

Mrs. Lakin retailed the long and sorry saga of the Playgroup's negotiations with the County Health Authority, the crux of the matter being that no-one was prepared to take the responsibility of saying "No". The Meeting passed the following resolution: "This Parish Meeting records its regret that the useful work of the Playgroup should have been curtailed by the lack of support of the County and Rural District Councils and urges the Council to re-examine its policy to Pre-School Playgroups."

The Bar Hill Horticultural Club presented a resolution to the Meeting, "That the Parish Council provide sufficient Allotment Gardens for the use of the Villagers." After some discussion as to how land could be obtained, the resolution was put to the Meeting and carried, 21 for and 4 against, on a show of hands.

Mrs. Price raised the matter of rainwater puddles at the corner of Gladeside, and Mr. Lancaster reported the lack of working street lights in the Gladeside-Robin Close area.

Mr. Dale thanked all present for attending, and a lengthy meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.

A. Parrott, Clerk

Horticultural Society

The next meeting will be in the School at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th May. Mr. Botfield will show a film about the growing of fragrant plants and then give a talk on fragrance in plants, and will bring some samples of essential oils. We shall be happy to see those who are interested.

Instead of having indoor meetings during June and July, we shall be holding two outings: the first will be a guided tour of the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge on Wednesday, 16th June at 7.30 p.m.

On Sunday, 4th July we shall be going on a coach trip to Bressingham Gardens. This should be a very enjoyable family outing. We have already started taking bookings for this outing, so please do not delay in contacting either Mrs. Bishop (18 Acorn Avenue, C.H. 231) or Mr. Taylor (28 Otter Gardens, C.H. 284) if you wish to go. Further details of each trip will be given later.

May Gardening Hints. May is the month when our gardens really come to life again, and is one of the busiest months of the year. Sow the last of the annual flowers and seeds of perennials and biennials (e.g., wallflowers, Sweet Williams). All bedding plants can be planted this month, but leave tender varieties until the end of the mon - Hanging baskets can be planted, too. In the vegetable garden press on with the sowing of lettuce, beetroot, radishes, carrots, etc. Sweet Corn, marrows and runner beans can now be sown, but protect from late frosts; plant out tomatoes at the end of the month. Lawns: cut regularly, regulating height with weather; continue feeding (combined fertiliser and weedkiller, if necessary); use lawn sand against moss and wee - Weeds: use a hoe around annuals, Weedol around shrubs and trees, and Weedex for paths Shrubs: plant arbutus, cytisus, clematis, fuchsia, hydrangeas; kerria, ribes, forsyth - cut off dead blooms, thin out, remove weak shoots. Bulbs: remove dead blooms; lift tulips and daffs, to give room; heel bulbs in, in an odd corner, don't cut off leaves but let them die naturally. Pests: look out for greenfly on roses. Increase waterin of houseplants. (The editor regrets that lack of space has made pruning necessary.)